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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

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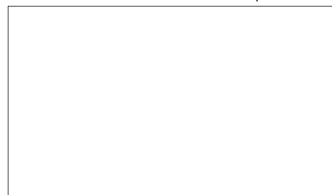
FROM:


Special Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT: ABA/National Conference of Bar Presidents

The attached letter (ER 79-7343/13) is forwarded for your information. Mr. Wm. Reece Smith is, to the best of my knowledge, the newly elected President of the ABA.

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Attachment

174-7343/13

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Admiral Stansfield Turner
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[Signature]
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Dear Admiral Turner:

Personally and in behalf of the National Conference of Bar Presidents, I express our appreciation to you for speaking at the annual luncheon meeting of the Conference at Dallas. Without deference to courtesy, although surely it is in order, your presentation was the highlight of our meeting. As I mentioned then, we sold out for the luncheon and sought without success to obtain the hotel's permission to increase the number of luncheon guests.

If I may say so, your appearance also well served the Agency. A remarkable number of bar presidents and executives commented to me most favorably about you and your presentation and indicated that their confidence in the nation's intelligence activities was greatly enhanced. As you will note from the enclosed clipping, the press also reacted well.

Incidentally, perhaps the American Oxonian should be classified. I had great fun perusing the class letters to obtain introductory information about you and only regret I could not find a way to make mention not only of your accomplishments but also of those of a group that also includes a Chief of Staff, several other high ranking military officers, three or four university presidents, a New Republic editor, and a number of distinguished scholars.

Someday I hope there will be an opportunity for us to become better acquainted. Meanwhile thank you again for "the leg up" and for your splendid service to our country.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature: Reece Smith]

Wm. Reece Smith, Jr.

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Enclosure

→ new per ABA